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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
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1 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Just so  
2 we're clear through county -- the County  
3 Attorney's Office, I want this item continued at  
4 the next board meeting. Yeah.

5 JOHN NIBBELIN: Understood.

6 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Thank you  
7 very much. The next item on the agenda is Item 4  
8 set for 9:15 a.m. or thereafter introductions of  
9 an ordinance calling for a special election to be  
10 held on March 4, 2025 for the purpose of voting  
11 on an amendment to the An Mateo County Charter  
12 granting the board of supervisors authority to  
13 remove an elected sheriff for cause by a four-  
14 fifths votes and another associate matters and  
15 waiving the reading of the ordinance in its  
16 entirety.

17 This item is sponsored by Supervisor  
18 Corzo and Supervisor Mueller. Supervisor Corzo  
19 and Mueller, I will ask you for any introductory  
20 remarks that you may want to offer.

21 SUPERVISOR RAY MUELLER: I can go  
22 first. Okay. So today's proposed charter  
23 amendment gives a voice to voters in response to  
24 the crisis to public safety created by  
25 disfunction in the San Mateo County Sheriff's

1 Office as set forth in Judge Cordell's 400-page  
2 report. The proposed charter amendment asked  
3 voters to give the board of supervisors authority  
4 to remove the sheriff from office if conditions  
5 set forth to the charter amendment are met. And  
6 as my colleagues saw, those conditions are a  
7 violation of any law related to the performance  
8 of the sheriff's duties, flagrant or repeated  
9 neglect of the sheriff's duties as defined by  
10 law, misappropriation of public funds or property  
11 as defined in California law, or willful  
12 falsification of a relevant official statement or  
13 document.

14 And then finally, obstruction as  
15 defined in federal, state, or local law  
16 applicable to a sheriff of any investigation into  
17 the conduct of sheriff and/or the San Mateo  
18 County Sheriff's Department by any government  
19 agency, including the County of San Mateo Office  
20 or commission with jurisdiction to conduct such  
21 investigation.

22 The proposed charter amendment -- if  
23 those conditions -- excuse me. Additionally, the  
24 grant of power in the charter amendment is  
25 specific to this immediate crisis as set forth --

1 as it sets forth a sunset provision expiring at  
2 the time of the next general election in 2028. I  
3 wanted to go ahead and share with my colleagues  
4 why the sunset clause was included.

5           Given the short schedule for debate of  
6 this charter amendment, and it's an incredibly  
7 appreciated schedule, we thought it was necessary  
8 to include the charter amendment given -- to  
9 include the sunset provision as it seems most  
10 reasonable to fashion the amendment in the way  
11 best characterized as a temporary grant of power  
12 to protect the public safety rather than a more  
13 permanent change to the charter that some would  
14 allege was using this instance as a power grab.

15           So what we really want to say to the  
16 voters is we're giving you a voice in this  
17 specific circumstance in these highly unusual  
18 conditions to give the board the ability to act,  
19 but it is specific to this circumstance. I think  
20 we're best served to keep our eyes fixed on this  
21 crisis in front of us in this -- and urgency  
22 rather than be pulled by distraction and to  
23 debate a general policy. And I think the sunset  
24 provision provides that.

25           So with that, I'm going to go ahead and

1 -- oh, there was one last note. In public  
2 comment, there was some discussion about this  
3 process being a race -- somehow race-based. And  
4 I want to point out that Judge Cordell is a woman  
5 of color who conducted this investigation. Mr.  
6 Tapia, who is here today, is a man of color.

7 Supervisor Corzo, I highly respect you  
8 as a woman of color. So I actually -- I know in  
9 my heart that's not the case, and I know if Judge  
10 Cordell was here to defend her report she also  
11 would make that case strongly. Supervisor Corzo?

12 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: Thank you.  
13 I'll start by saying that we are bringing this to  
14 the board because it is absolutely necessary. We  
15 are going to face some difficult times very, very  
16 soon as Californians, as Americans. It does not  
17 benefit our community to have the type of chaos  
18 that we see happening right now at the sheriff's  
19 office.

20 It's not something anyone here wants to  
21 deal with, but it is our duty to lead and to deal  
22 with this. We were also elected to be a voice  
23 for our community members, and we are responsible  
24 for the safety net of this county, the safety net  
25 services and for protecting our most vulnerable.

1 And right now what's happening at our sheriff's  
2 office is impacting and negatively impacting  
3 public safety. While it may be true that certain  
4 people or communities have seen improved  
5 conditions, that is not the case for everyone,  
6 and most definitely not the case for both  
7 administrative and sworn staff in the sheriff's  
8 office who are working under duress, working  
9 under conditions that no one should be exposed  
10 to.

11 We continue to hear of people leaving  
12 the sheriff's office because of the dysfunction  
13 there. It's not something that we would bring to  
14 the board if it -- if we didn't have to, if we  
15 didn't feel like our community absolutely needed  
16 this. This ordinance, again, is an urgent  
17 response to what is happening right now in our  
18 sheriff's office.

19 It's our duty to protect all county  
20 staff, all county residents. And right now,  
21 there is concern about that. We have worked  
22 tirelessly with county leadership, county  
23 counsel. We've looked to other jurisdictions for  
24 models of how we can lead our community through  
25 this. And this is something that intend to take

1 to the voters so that they can make their voices  
2 heard.

3 We are in extremely unique  
4 circumstances, and I'll detail some of those in  
5 just a bit. But I want to speak to this  
6 ordinance and what it does. It only allows for  
7 the removal of a sheriff in certain instances  
8 where serious wrongdoing has been found that  
9 jeopardizes public safety and trust, and these  
10 are violation of the law related to the  
11 performance of a sheriff's duties, flagrant or  
12 repeated neglect of a sheriff's duties,  
13 misappropriation of public funds or property,  
14 willful falsification of an official statement or  
15 document, obstruction of any investigation into  
16 the conduct of a sheriff.

17 We have gotten some concerns about  
18 diluting the voice of the voters, and I want  
19 people to know that we hear that concern. But  
20 when we place something on the ballot, it will be  
21 the voters that decide whether it is passed or  
22 not. And I want people to understand, you know,  
23 what a recall effort actually takes for those who  
24 have been involved in recalls.

25 It is not a simple lift. It is not

1 something that is done overnight. In this case  
2 specifically, a recall effort by the community by  
3 our voters would take nearly 45,000 signatures  
4 just to place on the ballot. It is -- for us as  
5 a board, for me as a county supervisor, to think  
6 that we would wait until our community finds the  
7 time and the energy to collect 45,000 signatures  
8 when we know that the need to remove this sheriff  
9 right now is absolutely urgent, it's just not a  
10 viable option.

11 If that is what has to happen, then I  
12 would support that. But right now I see it  
13 clearly as it being our duty as a board of  
14 supervisors to offer solutions to our community.  
15 And this is one that meets the urgency of the  
16 facts that we are presented with right now.

17 And honestly, March is not soon enough  
18 for what's happening right now. But let me be  
19 very clear. Public safety is at stake right now.  
20 And this is absolutely necessary. And the  
21 ordinance has been drafted with limited powers  
22 with a sunset clause in it, which gives checks  
23 and balances.

24 And what makes this situation unique is  
25 that right now we have a sheriff that has a six-



1 year term, which is not -- it's not four years.  
2 An additional two years is -- it's a longer term  
3 than most sheriffs. And I will tell you this  
4 also. I've been a county -- I've been an elected  
5 official now for seven years. I take this job  
6 extremely seriously as I did when I served on the  
7 school board.

8 With the trust of the voters come great  
9 responsibility, and it's not something that any  
10 ethical elected official uses to personally  
11 benefit themselves. And right now we have a  
12 sheriff that does not hesitate to lie to the  
13 media, to lie to our community, to divide the  
14 Latino community as we saw from a public comment  
15 earlier today based on lies.

16 So this charter amendment is something  
17 that I think the voters have a right to vote on,  
18 should have a right to vote on. Let them be  
19 presented with all of the facts themselves. Let  
20 them read the report. Let them decide what is  
21 best for our community. Our sheriff was elected  
22 by the people, and the people will make the  
23 ultimate decision here. Thank you.

24 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Thank  
25 you. Are there any comments or questions for

1 Supervisor Slocum or Supervisor Pine or other  
2 board members? Okay. Seeing none, we can move  
3 to public comments, okay, both in chambers as  
4 well as remotely.

5 SUXHAMANI PUERWAL: Sure. Thank you,  
6 Mr. Vice President. I do have two speakers from  
7 chambers and then we'll take comments from Zoom.  
8 And then I do have one additional return comment.  
9 We'll start with Deacon Lauren McCombs followed  
10 by Bryan Howell.

11 DEACON LAUREN MCCOMBS: Good morning to  
12 the board of supervisors and all others present.  
13 My name is Deacon Lauren Patton McCombs, and I'm  
14 a member of Fixing San Mateo. I want to start by  
15 saying my thoughts and prayers are with all  
16 parties involved in this unfortunate folding of  
17 events within the sheriff's office.

18 The findings of the report released  
19 about Sheriff Corpus and her staff was extremely  
20 alarming to our greater community. Many state  
21 officials have asked for her resignation in order  
22 to further damage to the organization as well as  
23 to protect public safety. There are 12 serious  
24 allegations of misconduct that undermine the  
25 moral integrity of the sheriff's office and the

1 deputies who are dedicated to serving our county.

2 Where is the trust and transparency  
3 that the sheriff ran her campaign on in 2022?  
4 Please follow Warren Slocums, who has stressed  
5 that the time is now to make the imperative  
6 decision to have a completely independent  
7 oversight commission as well as a permanent  
8 inspector general. And I would like to thank the  
9 board of supervisors for their time in serving  
10 our county.

11 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you. Bryan  
12 Howell?

13 BRYAN HOWELL: Good morning,  
14 supervisors. My name is Bryan Howell. Sure. As  
15 a proud Redwood City native and a teacher in our  
16 community for the last 20 years, I've had the  
17 privilege of knowing remarkable individuals  
18 dedicated to serving others. I first met Sheriff  
19 Corpus 20 years ago as a second-grade teacher at  
20 Fair Oaks Elementary School. I was a new second  
21 grade teacher and she was the new sheriff's  
22 resource officer at the school.

23 From the beginning, Sheriff Corpus  
24 exemplified resilience, bravery, and integrity.  
25 Her unwavering dedication to reform and make

1 positive changes even in the face of relentless  
2 opposition and personal attacks has been nothing  
3 short of inspiring. She refuses to be  
4 intimidated and continues to prioritize the needs  
5 of both the department and the citizens of San  
6 Mateo County. The decision to remove Sheriff  
7 Corpus should rest solely with the voters, not  
8 with a handful of individuals relying on possible  
9 and (indiscernible) fabricated stories.

10 Attempts to fire Sheriff Corpus  
11 undermine the democratic process and insult the  
12 will of the people who place their trust in her  
13 leadership. The citizens of San Mateo County  
14 deserve the right to decide if these accusations  
15 hold merit. Please don't take away my vote or  
16 the people's voice. Let democracy prevail. And  
17 it sounds like kind of that's where we're already  
18 on the route to do that. So thank you for your  
19 time.

20 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you. No  
21 additional speakers from chambers, so madam  
22 clerk, please proceed.

23 SHERRY GOLESTAN: This time we have  
24 nine hands raised and counting. We're at Item  
25 Number 4. Please do continue to raise your hands

1 because the vice president could make a final  
2 call for raised hands at any time. We are at Dan  
3 Stegink followed by the Millbrae Anti-Racist  
4 Coalition. Dan Stegink, please unmute and begin.

5 DAN STEGINK: Thank you. Can you hear  
6 me, council members? Supervisor?

7 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Yes. Thank you.

8 DAN STEGINK: Excellent. I think it  
9 was Barak Obama who said elections have  
10 consequences. I've calculated this as probably  
11 going to cost the county \$4.8 million. I'd  
12 remind county council and elections that it's not  
13 legal to pull on the recall or charter ballot  
14 question. I have an unusual viewpoint having run  
15 against a previous sheriff and for the  
16 supervisor's seat.

17 I think you've got a labor problem and  
18 a campaign-promise problem. And I'd like to see  
19 the charges against Carlos Tapia dropped. I'd  
20 like to see the county sit down in mediation with  
21 both the fixing San Mateo people and the DSA and  
22 get this solved in a way that doesn't involve our  
23 entire county being laughed at nationally.  
24 Usually we see self-dealing in investigation  
25 situations. There's no evidence of it here.

1 Thank you.

2 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Ten  
3 hands. The Millbrae Anti-Racist Coalition  
4 followed by Sameena Usman. Coalition, please  
5 unmute and begin.

6 MICHAEL KELLEY: Good morning,  
7 supervisors. My name is Michael Kelley. I'm  
8 sorry that it showed up as the Anti-Racist  
9 Coalition. I'm speaking on behalf of myself. It  
10 is deeply disturbing that some of you supervisors  
11 are participating in this highly inappropriate  
12 effort for the removal of our honorable Sheriff  
13 Christina Corpus.

14 It is apparent to everyone that's  
15 paying attention that the results of this  
16 massively biased special investigation are part  
17 of a political hatchet job orchestrated by the  
18 cronies of disgraced ex-Sheriff Bolanos and his  
19 cohorts that remain on the county payroll.

20 Ex-Judge Cordell would not allow  
21 testimony from many sworn officers that wanted to  
22 share their vastly positive experiences. She  
23 only heard from the ones with an agenda to take  
24 Sheriff Corpus down. Our sheriff has attained  
25 the historically highest and fastest growth rate

1 ever of filling the longstanding vacancies of the  
2 deputies increasing public safety. They want to  
3 work for her for good reason. Supervisor Corzo,  
4 Supervisor Mueller, along with Fix and SMC, you  
5 have been dishonest brokers of information and  
6 many of your comments are reprehensible.

7 The report is corrupt. Please don't  
8 waste anymore county time and resources on a  
9 meritless change to our next voting event. Thank  
10 you.

11 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. For the  
12 record, this is Michael Kelley and not the  
13 Millbrae Anti-Racist Coalition. Next we have --

14 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: To the  
15 clerk, to the clerk --

16 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Yes.

17 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: -- last  
18 call for speakers.

19 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you, Mr. Vice  
20 President. Members of the public, at this time a  
21 final call is being made for public comment on  
22 Item 4. On Zoom, please click "raise hand" and I  
23 will announce the final name we'll take for this  
24 item. Final call has been made. So after I  
25 announce this name, no further hands will be

1 taken for this item. Okay. The last called  
2 speaker we had was Steven Booker and Elizabeth  
3 Quiroz was already called. So those are the  
4 final two. So we have 10 speakers.

5 Those are Sameen Usman, Julie Lind, Ron  
6 Snow, Chris Cavigioli, Pat Willard, Alberto,  
7 James Brown, Albert Yam, and I think we just lost  
8 one hand as I was announcing those names. So I  
9 will go take a look at what I had. I have it  
10 here. It was a phone caller ending in 357. So I  
11 will check on that while we take these names.  
12 Sameena Usman, please unmute and begin.

13 SAMEENA USMAN: Hello. My name is  
14 Sameena Usman. I'm here on behalf of Secure  
15 Justice. Today I call -- I urge you to call for  
16 a special election to vote on a proposed  
17 amendment to grant authority to remove an elected  
18 sheriff for cause and to do so without a sunset  
19 clause. Otherwise we might have to do this again  
20 at taxpayer expense.

21 Accountability is at a course -- is a  
22 cornerstone of public trust in our democratic  
23 institutions, particularly in law enforcement.  
24 While elected officials must remain independent,  
25 there must also be safeguards to ensure that they



1 at in the best interest of the community. This  
2 amendment provides a fair and transparent  
3 mechanism to address serious misconduct or  
4 dereliction of duty aligning with principles of  
5 good governance.

6 In losing their job is the only real  
7 fear an elected sheriff has, then having such  
8 authority in your charter will lead to less  
9 misconduct by future sheriffs because of the very  
10 real possibility that a future board member will  
11 remove them. Calling a special election allows  
12 for voters of San Mateo County to make their  
13 voices heard on these critical issues. I urge  
14 you to please vote in favor of this.

15 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Julie  
16 Lind followed by Ron Snow. Julie, please unmute  
17 and begin.

18 JULIE LIND: Thanks, Sherry. Good  
19 morning, honorable supervisors, County Manager  
20 Callagy, and staff. My name is Julie Lind with  
21 the San Mateo Labor Council representing 100  
22 affiliate unions and over 85,000 members and  
23 their families countywide, including the San  
24 Mateo County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

25 On behalf of our membership, I'd like

1 to thank you all for how you've handled and are  
2 continuing to handle this current situation. I  
3 know it's not easy on you just like it's not easy  
4 on the folks that I have the honor to represent.  
5 Though the pieces on this chess board seem to be  
6 continuously changing, you all have remained  
7 committed to transparency, accountability, and to  
8 protecting our county and all who live and work  
9 within its lines.

10 This ballot measure is another example  
11 of that. Our top county safety officer has  
12 failed to keep her employees safe, refused to  
13 accept responsibility for her actions, and has  
14 put our entire community at risk, and needs to  
15 end. And our county and its workforce need to be  
16 able to rebuild. It seems this is our only path  
17 forward.

18 While I was very excited to take a nice  
19 break from campaigning, it looks like there is  
20 still miles to go before we sleep. So, we will  
21 see everybody back in the field. Thank you.

22 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you, Julie.  
23 Ron Snow followed by Chris Cavigioli. Chris?  
24 I'm sorry, Ron, please unmute and begin.

25 RON SNOW: Supervisors, I would hope to

1 -- you see by the statements of both Supervisors  
2 Mueller and Corzo that you should not -- that you  
3 should deny this agenda item. It has a sunset  
4 clause because it's for a specific thing, not a  
5 global thing that should be incorporated into the  
6 charter.

7 The fact that it will expire is proof  
8 of that. The agenda item is about making as a  
9 charter change. Yet comments about the  
10 problematic investigation where the sheriff in  
11 particular are being suppressed, this is an  
12 agenda item about putting something on the  
13 ballot. Yet public comment about the sheriff was  
14 suppressed.

15 If people want the sheriff removed,  
16 then we have a real procedure in place to do  
17 that. Supervisors should not spend millions,  
18 especially when those same dollars could be used  
19 on other important programs as it was  
20 (indiscernible) today. Supervisors should allow  
21 voters to recall. They should not circumvent  
22 that process.

23 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Chris  
24 Cavigioli followed by Pat Willard. Chris, please  
25 unmute and begin.

1 CHRIS CAVIGIOLI: Yes, thanks. I have  
2 three points. One of them is the investigation  
3 was already done. I actually read it. So that's  
4 already been done. It's proven there is evidence  
5 of her criminality. So -- and it's very serious.  
6 So that's number one.

7 Number two is that if you have someone  
8 in office that's doing something really bad,  
9 let's say just fictionally let me just she goes  
10 to the elementary school with a handgun and  
11 starts shooting little children, you'd probably  
12 not wait for voters to come and, you know, put  
13 something on a ballot. You'd have to act right  
14 away.

15 If she's doing criminal stuff, we  
16 should act right away and get rid of her  
17 immediately. And then the third thing, and this  
18 is important too, let's not bring in racism.  
19 Let's not bring in the fact of her background or  
20 her skin color and stuff like that. That's  
21 called racism.

22 We have something in our laws called  
23 non-discrimination. We do not discriminate about  
24 skin color and ethnic background. So just don't  
25 even bring that up. That's not relevant. Okay.

1 Thanks.

2 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. We'll now  
3 go to Pat Willard. Pat, please unmute and begin.

4 PAT WILLARD: I've read about 200 pages  
5 of Judge Cordell's report, and that illustrates  
6 what I call the real world has come to San Mateo  
7 County.

8 In addition, I would urge the board of  
9 supervisors to recast the civilian oversight of  
10 the sheriff's office as exists in Los Angeles  
11 County where it does not allow for the sheriff to  
12 appoint members of the commission or the  
13 sheriff's select four advisors overseeing the  
14 oversight committee as currently exist.

15 Also, an ordinance for a permanent  
16 inspector general exactly that as stated in the  
17 Los Angeles County document that I sent to all of  
18 the members of this board, which this inspector  
19 general attends the oversight commission and  
20 responds to its votes or inspections when  
21 necessary. Thank you.

22 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Alberto,  
23 your hand was raised and lowered. So Alberto, if  
24 you did intend to speak, please raise your hand  
25 again. James Brown, please unmute and begin.

1 JAMES BROWN: Good morning. Thank you.  
2 This action is unnecessary. It is a drastic  
3 change to the California -- to the county  
4 charter. It's unnecessary and it's opposed by  
5 the California State Sheriff's Association. I'm  
6 sure you received their letter.

7 This is personal against Sheriff  
8 Corpus. If it wasn't, then the county would've  
9 called for resignations when Sheriff Horsley had  
10 250 pounds of explosives stolen, or when Sheriffs  
11 Munks and Bolanos were caught in a brothel with  
12 underaged prostitutes and narcotics, or when  
13 Bolanos armed deputies to extradite a citizen of  
14 another state on the behest of one of his donors.

15 Or when contraband was smuggled to a  
16 prisoner under Bolanos' watch and the contractor  
17 was allowed to continue -- his company was  
18 allowed to continue working for the county. Or  
19 when Bolanos' campaign manager stole funds from a  
20 children's program or Callagy wasted millions of  
21 dollars in PPE that was wasted by sitting on the  
22 reign. No resignations were called for then.

23 And this report is extremely biased.  
24 It mentions Bob McSweeney 18 times. And I know  
25 Bob McSweeney. I spoke to him. He was never

1 interviewed. He does not know Victor that it was  
2 alleged that he does, and the name of the company  
3 is completely wrong that Judge Cordell mentioned  
4 that it is the same company. You didn't  
5 interview him. You should've interviewed him.  
6 This entire report is flawed and biased. Thank  
7 you.

8 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Alberto,  
9 please unmute and begin. Alberto? If you can  
10 unmute.

11 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

12 SHERRY GOLESTAN: (Speaking Spanish).

13 ALBERTO: Si.

14 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Victor, if you can  
15 please interpret and allow Alberto to know he has  
16 the three-minute timer.

17 VICTOR: (Speaking Spanish).

18 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Two-minute timer.  
19 Apology.

20 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

21 VICTOR: My -- listen, my objective  
22 today here is that I want to let you know that  
23 our community is very worried with Ms. Christina  
24 Corpus.

25 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

1 VICTOR: So I actually live in the Fair  
2 Oaks area and -- for 20 years and I've known her  
3 for a long time.

4 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

5 VICTOR: My goal is that the community  
6 actually knows her. (Speaking Spanish).

7 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

8 VICTOR: So the goal here is that the  
9 community knows her and really trusts here.

10 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

11 VICTOR: So the question is because  
12 we've known her for such a long time, we've  
13 actually given her the vote of confidence because  
14 many people have known her for a long time and  
15 the efficiency of her work.

16 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

17 VICTOR: So she was not put in a  
18 position by others but by the community, and so  
19 that's why the community is very concerned for  
20 that.

21 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

22 VICTOR: So I've decided to talk about  
23 this because I'm involved with my church. I've  
24 been involved with my church for ten years, and  
25 our community constantly talks about this.



1 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

2 VICTOR: And I know as the board of  
3 supervisors you have to support her because our  
4 community trusts in you.

5 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

6 VICTOR: And we trust in her.

7 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

8 VICTOR: So thank you. That's all I  
9 have. I hope that you support her because she's  
10 a good person and our community is very  
11 concerned.

12 ALBERTO: (Speaking Spanish).

13 VICTOR: Thank you.

14 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. We'll now  
15 go to our next speaker Steen Booker. Please  
16 unmute and begin.

17 STEVEN BOOKER: Thank you for allowing  
18 me this time to speak. Steven Booker, Half Moon  
19 Bay resident. And I'm here today with  
20 reservations. The sheriff's office is a very  
21 powerful position and I speak in support of  
22 Christina Corpus along the same sentiments as  
23 James Brown and Dan Stegnik. But as a black man  
24 in America, I'm afraid of intimidation and  
25 intimidated by the sheriff's office as far as

1 their deputies if I stand with Christina Corpus  
2 and the possible retaliation when I'm out on the  
3 streets in Half Moon Bay or in San Mateo.

4 Like James Brown said, there's been  
5 many other incidences in the sheriff's office  
6 before Christina Corpus got there. She promised  
7 to clean up the good-old-boys' system and has  
8 been met with resistance. And like I said, once  
9 again, this is hard for me to do. I have respect  
10 for the board of supervisors and our elected  
11 officials, but I also have a lot of respect for  
12 Christina and her staff.

13 And I stand in support with them and  
14 believe that the county should not spend money  
15 unnecessarily on a recall election. The voters  
16 haven't called for it, and you're going to have  
17 people that stand with her and people that stand  
18 against her just like you will with any elected  
19 official.

20 So therefore, I support Christina  
21 Corpus and I stand with Dan and James Brown and  
22 think that the county should not have a recall  
23 election. When we can't give our employees  
24 raises but we can spend millions and millions of  
25 dollars on a recall election, I think that's

1 asinine and it's not in the best interest of the  
2 county. Once again, I thank you for your time  
3 and I respect each and every one of you. But I  
4 do not agree with this recall election. Thank  
5 you.

6 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you, Steven.  
7 We'll now go to our phone caller that had the  
8 lowered hand when it was raised. Caller ending  
9 in 357, please unmute.

10 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Through  
11 the clerk?

12 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Yes.

13 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: How many  
14 speakers do we have left?

15 SHERRY GOLESTAN: This -- after this is  
16 our last named speaker which is Elizabeth Quiroz.

17 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Great.  
18 Thank you so much.

19 SHERRY GOLESTAN: And that would be the  
20 last. Of course. Caller, you can press star 6  
21 to unmute and this will be the last attempt. 357  
22 caller? Okay. We'll now go to our last-named  
23 speaker Elizabeth Quiroz. Please unmute and  
24 begin.

25 ELIZABETH QUIROZ: Hi, everyone. Can

1 you hear me?

2 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Yes, thank you.

3 ELIZABETH QUIROZ: Hi. So my name's  
4 Elizabeth Quiroz, and I am a survivor leader in  
5 the Bay area. And you know, I'm a -- I know I  
6 don't have a lot of time, but I want to share a  
7 little bit of my back story. So I am a survivor  
8 from trafficked, and I was trafficked in San  
9 Mateo in (indiscernible) for many years and had a  
10 lot of bad interaction with law enforcement in  
11 San Mateo County.

12 And so when I came across Sheriff  
13 Christina Corpus, she was the only law  
14 enforcement that showed me compassion and love  
15 and supported me and gave me hope. And so  
16 because of that interaction, it restored my hope  
17 in law enforcement.

18 And so now I'm an advocate. I'm a  
19 survivor leader in the Bay, and I'm bringing  
20 awareness (indiscernible) to trafficking. And  
21 I've been working with Sheriff Christina Corpus  
22 for years. And I've known her for a very long  
23 time. And so to hear what's going on breaks my  
24 heart. So I -- you know, she's a wonderful  
25 person to me.

1 I support her in general because she's  
2 an amazing person in all the work she's done.  
3 And so I just hope this is resolved. Thank you.

4 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Mr.  
5 President, we have one hand raised, but they're  
6 not part of the final names that were called. I  
7 defer to you.

8 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Let's  
9 take this last remote comment.

10 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Okay. Albert Yam,  
11 please unmute and begin.

12 ALBERT YAM: Hi, board of supervisors.  
13 I think this is not necessary because basically  
14 you're trying to take away the voters' rights in  
15 this situation. What should've -- what it should  
16 be on the March ballot is an effort to put on a  
17 recall election for an elected official.

18 What you're trying to do is set a  
19 precedence and also change the dynamics of  
20 sheriffs. Future sheriffs is going to be  
21 impacted and worry about how they undertake their  
22 obligations of the job out of the fear that board  
23 members, a small group of constituents, to decide  
24 the fate. You're losing the independency and  
25 this is a power grab. And I urge you not to

1 consider this and take more of the voter rights  
2 away from us. This should be a voter matter, not  
3 a board of supervisor matter.

4 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. Mr. Vice  
5 President, the phone caller appears to have  
6 raised their hand again, the one that was part of  
7 the list. Would you like me to attempt that one  
8 again?

9 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Sure.  
10 And my understanding is through the clerk we have  
11 one in-person comment. Is that correct?

12 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: That's correct,  
13 yes.

14 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Great.  
15 So why don't we take the comment online?

16 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Okay. Caller ending  
17 in 357, please unmute. And you're calling by  
18 phone. I think you can press star 6 to unmute.

19 KRIS PEREZ: Great. Hi. Can you guys  
20 hear me?

21 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Yes, thank you.

22 KRIS PEREZ: Hi. My name is Kris  
23 Perez. I live in San Bruno. I'm one of the  
24 82,000 voters who voted for Sheriff Corpus and  
25 elected her to office. The item you're

1 considering to put on the ballot is unnecessary  
2 and oversteps your authority. It's a slap in the  
3 face to the voters. The sheriff is elected by  
4 the people. She is not appointed by you. She  
5 won her election in June 2022 by over 13 points.  
6 She crushed her appointment who was truly  
7 corrupt.

8 She challenged the good-old-boys' club  
9 and her candidacy was going to be risky to take  
10 if she lot. But she prevailed. Let's go back in  
11 the time machine and remember all the scandals  
12 that Bolanos was involved in and embarrassed us  
13 with from the Vegas brothel and the Bat Mobile  
14 incident. Some folks were calling you guys  
15 before to remove Bolanos.

16 And the late great Don Horsley, a very  
17 respected supervisor and a former sheriff, said  
18 this to a reporter. We can do -- what we can is  
19 extremely limited. This is the constitution of  
20 California. The sheriff is an elected officer.  
21 We cannot remove her from office. Remove from  
22 them from office who was speaking of Bolanos at  
23 the time.

24 So I support Sheriff Corpus. This is a  
25 bad idea. We don't need the cost of a special

1 election, and it's unnecessary. The recall is  
2 your mechanism to take out an elected official by  
3 the voters, not by you guys. Thank you.

4 SHERRY GOLESTAN: Thank you. We'll go  
5 back to you, Mr. Clerk.

6 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you. We do  
7 have one speaker from chambers Ron Soucy. Yes,  
8 please.

9 RON SOUCY: Yes. My name is Ronald,  
10 and it's the first time that I ever appeared  
11 here. And I support Sheriff Corpus. I  
12 campaigned for her, went door to door delivering  
13 flags. And I agree with all of these people that  
14 came up on the board as -- on the speaker to  
15 support her.

16 You're giving all these people only a  
17 minute speak, but yet you allow the  
18 (indiscernible) to speak for several minutes.  
19 And I think that a lot of these people would like  
20 to speak for much longer. And I think that you  
21 trying to eliminate these people or getting her  
22 kicked out of office when she went into an office  
23 to clean the place and she's doing it. And  
24 apparently you guys don't like it because she's  
25 doing a good job, and she's been doing a good



1 job.

2 She's been doing a good job in the  
3 North Fair Oak. I live in the North Fair Oak and  
4 I know she's doing a good job. So why don't you  
5 let her do her job as she's supposed to? And why  
6 don't you look back on what you guys did when  
7 Bolano was there? You didn't do anything. He  
8 ran you guys. You didn't run him. So why are  
9 you trying to crucify some poor lady that's  
10 trying to do a good job and she's been doing a  
11 good job? Thank you.

12 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Mr. President, I do  
13 have one written comment. So there were several  
14 comments that were sent yesterday which were  
15 emailed to the board and I'll submit publicly  
16 available. I'll be really quick. This last  
17 written comment came from Sandra McKee, senior  
18 citizen from Redwood City.

19 "I am wondering if the board of  
20 supervisors and other participants in the sheriff  
21 investigation should have additional security  
22 protections. Remember what happened with the  
23 staff board of supervisors' removal of then-  
24 Supervisor Dan White back in the '80s when Mayor  
25 Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were shot dead

1 by Dan White for revenge?

2 "I wonder how stable this sheriff is at  
3 this time. And with the power of gun and badge  
4 could be a risk for other law enforcement  
5 officials and herself as her anger escalates."  
6 That's the end of public comment.

7 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Great.  
8 Thank you very much. We want to thank those, you  
9 know, who made public comment. I'll bring this  
10 back to the board for discussion. If there is no  
11 discussion, I'll take a motion on the item.

12 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: I'd like to  
13 say a few words.

14 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Okay.

15 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: Thank you. I  
16 want to thank everyone for coming and giving  
17 their comments today. I want to name that what  
18 we see happen in these chambers, everyone gets a  
19 voice and they are not retaliated against for  
20 sharing their voice even when they disagree.

21 You may have noticed that we don't have  
22 any sheriff's employees here and let me tell you  
23 why. They are still working under our current  
24 sheriff and her former employee, and they are in  
25 fear. And it is our board's duty to protect them

1 and our community at large. I think it's  
2 important that every single member who is  
3 concerned about this charter amendment and who  
4 has not read the report. Because if you have,  
5 then you would know that there are hard facts.  
6 There is clear evidence. There is documentation  
7 proving the corruption that is happening right  
8 now in the sheriff's office.

9           Personally, I am a truth-teller. I  
10 will say it even when I disagree with others. I  
11 will say it even when it hurts. I will be the  
12 first to admit when I made a mistake, and I will  
13 do it right now. I supported Sheriff Christina  
14 Corpus. I knocked on thousands of doors for her  
15 and myself, and I would not pull back my support  
16 for no reason. Please believe that.

17           Sheriff Corpus was given every  
18 opportunity to succeed. She was given support no  
19 other elected official was given. She was given  
20 the funding for a transition team because we knew  
21 that there may have been resistance in the  
22 sheriff's office from the former sheriff's  
23 friends and etcetera.

24           But let me tell you something that  
25 maybe not everyone realizes. When you promise

1 change, when you tell the community that you are  
2 going to create change, there will always be  
3 resistance. And you know how you overcome that  
4 resistance? By doing a good job, by being  
5 ethical, by being fair, by being impartial, by  
6 leading with integrity and courage and honesty.  
7 That is not what happened.

8 And trust me, I am equally as  
9 disappointed. But as someone who supported her,  
10 I see it now as my duty to lead our community  
11 through this. Because people are being harmed  
12 and they are in fear. And not just fear for no  
13 reason. Actual fear. Actual validated fear.

14 There are things that are in that  
15 report around suppressed rifles being brought  
16 into the sheriff's office that no member of the  
17 executive sheriff's team has the training or  
18 certifications to possess. And yet that happened  
19 last month in October through the direction of  
20 Victor Aenlle. If that is another act of  
21 intimidation to every other employee in that  
22 office I don't know what is.

23 By every account, Sheriff Corpus was  
24 given multiple opportunities to right her ship.  
25 I wish I could tell people why we are in this

1 situation and why she chose and continues to  
2 choose to lie to our community, to lie to the  
3 media. In time, the truth always comes out. The  
4 truth always comes out. And it is this county  
5 and this board of supervisors who will have to  
6 clean her mess. And whoever steps in after she  
7 is removed, they will have to clean her mess.

8 And it will take millions of dollars,  
9 yes. You know why? Because when you actually  
10 have people being harmed, and it will eventually  
11 be proven in a court of law, the county is on the  
12 hook to pay out for all of those lawsuits. And  
13 that's going to happen. And it will be no one  
14 else's responsibilities but hers. She created  
15 those situations. She has put our community at  
16 risk. She is mispending tax dollars.

17 And I want to address something that I  
18 heard come up several times. I have been in  
19 office in -- on this board, and so has Supervisor  
20 Mueller, for two -- for almost two years.  
21 Exactly the same amount of time as Sheriff  
22 Corpus. I will speak for us and even this  
23 current board. Former sheriffs and the things  
24 that they did or did not do, Supervisor Ray  
25 Mueller and I were not here for.

1           We don't know all of the facts for --  
2       that led to the board at that time making those  
3       decisions. I was one of Sheriff Bolanos' biggest  
4       critics. And I would have stood against him as I  
5       have to stand against Sheriff Corpus now.  
6       Because I will not stand by and see corruption  
7       and abuse of power happen and not do everything I  
8       can to protect our community and our staff.

9           I would've done it then. I'm going to  
10      do it now. And if I have to knock on thousands  
11      of doors like I did last time, I will because  
12      it's the right thing to do. And I know it's an  
13      ugly truth. I know it's hard for people that  
14      supported her to really take in and believe. But  
15      please, look at the facts. Look at the facts.  
16      Read the report. Look at the evidence for  
17      yourself. Come to your own conclusions.

18           You may have had a good history with  
19      her in the past. I did too. I supported her. I  
20      believed her. I believed in her. She also at  
21      one point restored my faith in law enforcement.  
22      But when you are given new information and new  
23      facts, you have to analyze that. We need to come  
24      together as a community and we will. And I'm  
25      going to say it right now. I've said it to her

1 directly. I've said it at this dais before. She  
2 needs to step down. That is the right thing to  
3 do.

4 And I also just want to say for the  
5 record that the charter amendment and the  
6 ordinance that we have before us right now, it  
7 has a sunset clause. I would personally support  
8 it without a sunset clause. Because the truth is  
9 we do have a history of questionable leadership  
10 in the sheriff's office. But it has a sunset  
11 clause right now, and I will support it in any  
12 way because we need a way out of this for our  
13 community.

14 And I'll just reiterate one more time.  
15 The reason you don't see any sheriff staff right  
16 now giving public comment is because they are  
17 working in an environment of fear and  
18 retaliation. So I just want to say one more  
19 thing. (Speaking Spanish). Oh, sorry, Victor.

20 VICTOR: Please continue.

21 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: Okay.  
22 (Speaking Spanish). Thank you.

23 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Thank  
24 you, Supervisor Corzo. Supervisor Mueller?

25 SUPERVISOR RAY MUELLER: Just real

1 briefly, I want to speak to all those who spoke  
2 today who expressed their respect and support for  
3 the sheriff. I want to say I hear you, and I  
4 want to say it's incredibly hard when someone who  
5 you respect and you care about does something  
6 that disappoints you. But I have to say to you  
7 I'm in that same boat.

8 And unfortunately, the case against the  
9 sheriff continues to get stronger. For example  
10 -- and I'll -- I don't know if I'm supposed to  
11 share this, but I'll share it. The homophobic  
12 slurs text that she went to great length to deny  
13 to the one -- the night -- the day we presented  
14 the report. We have the phone now and we  
15 verified she sent that text.

16 It continues to strengthen as we go  
17 through all of the evidence presented. The  
18 strength of that 400-page report is standing up.  
19 And I know that's hard to accept. It's hard for  
20 us to accept. But we've had longer to do so.

21 So I ask you to please take a look at  
22 that report and go along with this. Because  
23 you'll get to where I am now where someone I  
24 respected and cared about I am deeply  
25 disappointed in and I no longer believe she is



1 fit to serve this county. I think I'm going to  
2 go ahead and leave it at that for my colleagues.  
3 Thank you.

4 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Great.  
5 Thank you very much. There was -- you know, Ms.  
6 Corzo was speaking in Spanish. If you wouldn't  
7 mind a translation, Victor.

8 VICTOR: Thank you, Vice President. I  
9 think Supervisor Corzo was just reiterating what  
10 she had previously said in English, but I do just  
11 want to provide some brief interpretation. So we  
12 can't stand for this division. No one's taking  
13 away from her good works that she's done in the  
14 past, but I am absolutely committed to talk to  
15 anybody about this as regards to what's happening  
16 here in order to protect ourselves and protect  
17 the community. We can't have these types of  
18 distractions.

19 SUPERVISOR RAY MUELLER: There is one  
20 last point also to those who support her. Could  
21 you ask her to please sit for sworn deposition  
22 testimony to address the allegations? If she's  
23 willing to make the statement to you that the  
24 things in that report are not true, ask her why  
25 she won't sit under oath and say that.

1           VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Thank you  
2 very much. With all that said, does a supervisor  
3 want to make a motion to introduce this ordinance  
4 calling for election to amend the charter and to  
5 waive the reading of the ordinance in its  
6 entirety?

7           SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: I'd like to  
8 make sure that Supervisor Slocum has a chance to  
9 chime in if he would like before we put a motion  
10 on the floor.

11           VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA:  
12 Supervisor Slocum, would you --

13           SUPERVISOR WARREN SLOCUM: Yeah. I'm  
14 sorry. I was muted. I do appreciate the  
15 opportunity. I think a lot has been said here by  
16 Supervisor Mueller and Supervisor Corzo and I  
17 really don't have a lot to add. I support the  
18 comments that they have made and the perspectives  
19 that they have shared. I do have a question that  
20 I'll direct to the county attorney in a moment or  
21 two.

22           But you know, each of us took an oath  
23 of office as did the sheriff. And I think when  
24 we talk about ethics, honesty, transparency,  
25 abuse of power, those to me are in clear

1 violation of the oath that we all took. This has  
2 been, as the two supervisors know and the rest of  
3 us know, an enormous time drain taking us all  
4 away from the important business of the county.

5 Just look at the testimony this morning  
6 off the Redwood House. You know, that's a  
7 significant mental health issue. It requires  
8 time to deal with. And unfortunately, just an  
9 inordinate amount of time is being spent and has  
10 been spent and will continue to be spent on this  
11 issue.

12 I find it very interesting, just to  
13 follow up on Supervisor Mueller's comment, I made  
14 a note here let's invite the sheriff once again  
15 to come and give sworn testimony under oath.  
16 Give her a chance to tell her side of the story  
17 and answer our questions. I think that would be  
18 extremely important.

19 There was a reason why so far she has  
20 not chosen to do that. I think the reason that  
21 she stated in the media was she'll do it when she  
22 gets an attorney. Well, so be it. I think she  
23 has an attorney. Maybe I'm wrong. But I would  
24 welcome -- I would invite her to come and give  
25 testimony to us and answer questions.

1 I, as like the rest of you, watch her  
2 press conferences and interviews and there are  
3 things that are said that are just not true.  
4 Just not true. So with that, I really don't have  
5 anything to add to the comments that have been  
6 made.

7 I would ask a question of the county  
8 attorney. Assuming we passed this ballot measure  
9 today, it has to be read, as I understand it, a  
10 second time here pretty quickly to meet the  
11 election code deadlines. And the question is  
12 then if we take those two votes and they're -- we  
13 vote to place it on the ballot, could a future  
14 board, that is specifically the new board coming  
15 in, in early January, could they vote to reverse  
16 decisions that we've made?

17 JOHN NIBBELIN: Supervisor Slocum, the  
18 -- so the question is whether or not the board  
19 that is -- as constituted in January could take  
20 action to rescind the action to put this matter  
21 on the ballot? Is that the question?

22 SUPERVISOR WARREN SLOCUM: Yes, that is  
23 the question. Thank you, sir.

24 JOHN NIBBELIN: Yeah. There's a  
25 limited amount of time actually after the board

1 acts to put something on the ballot. As you were  
2 noting, the board would have to, at its next  
3 regular meeting on December 3rd, adopt the  
4 ordinance. Today would be an introduction of the  
5 ordinance. The board would have to vote to -- at  
6 the next -- at its next regular meeting on  
7 December 3rd vote to adopt the ordinance.

8 There's a limited amount of time  
9 thereafter that the board has to act to remove  
10 something from the ballot. I believe it's 83  
11 days prior to the election. So I don't think  
12 from a timing perspective that would be possible  
13 actually.

14 SUPERVISOR WARREN SLOCUM: Yes. Thank  
15 you. I also wanted to talk about some of the  
16 speakers talked about let's not spend the  
17 millions of dollars for this election. And from  
18 my perspective, the number of lawsuits that we  
19 possibly face and will face far exceeds the cost  
20 of this election.

21 So somebody said it was 4.8 million.  
22 I'm not sure if that's accurate or not. I know  
23 it's very expensive, but I would just suggest  
24 following up on Supervisor Corzo's point about  
25 the pending lawsuits that will be coming to the

1 county in the future. So I'm prepared to support  
2 the motion, but I'll let Supervisor Mueller or  
3 Corzo make the motion and second and go from  
4 there.

5 SUPERVISOR DAVE PINE: I'd just like to  
6 just briefly state that -- and this is an  
7 extraordinary measure, but this is an  
8 extraordinary time and it calls for decisive  
9 action by the board of supervisors. So I'm  
10 supportive of the motion.

11 SUPERVISOR RAY MUELLER: I'll make the  
12 motion.

13 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: Second.

14 VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Roll call  
15 please.

16 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Sure. Supervisor  
17 Pine?

18 SUPERVISOR DAVE PINE: Yes.

19 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you.  
20 Supervisor Corzo?

21 SUPERVISOR NOELIA CORZO: Yes.

22 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Supervisor Mueller?

23 SUPERVISOR RAY MUELLER: Yes.

24 SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Supervisor Slocum?

25 SUPERVISOR WARREN SLOCUM: Yes.

1                   SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you.

2           Supervisor Canepa?

3                   VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Yes.

4                   SUKHAMANI PUERWAL: Thank you. Motion  
5           passes unanimously.

6                   VICE PRESIDENT DAVID CANEPA: Okay.

7           Thank you very much, colleagues. We'll be moving  
8           on. We move the agenda. We'll be moving onto  
9           Item 11.

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